



By the King.

A Proclamation to summon all such as hold of His Majestie by Grand Sergeanty, Escuage, or Knights Service, to do their Services against the Scots, according to their Tenures.



Whereas the Kings Majestie intends forthwith in his own person, or by his Lieutenant, with an Army Royall, to go in War against the Scots (by Gods assistance) to repress their Treasons and Rebellions: and for that end hath already begun his journey towards the Northern parts of this Kingdom, his Majestie therfore doth hereby require, and straitly charge & command, all Lords Spirituall and Temporall, Baronets, Knights, Esquires, Gentlemen, & all others, of what estate or condition soever, who hold of his Majestie by grand Sergeanty, or hold of his Majestie, or of any of his wards by Escuage, or Knights Service (and are thereby bound to go in their own persons, or to send others for them to go with his Majestie, or his Lieutenant in the said War, against the said Rebels) That they take knowledge of this his Majesties publike Summons, and with all meet expedition after the publishing hereof, and at the farthest before the twentieth day of September next, be ready furnished with Horse and Arms for performance of their said Services, at the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, or at such other place where his Majesties said Army shall then reside; from thence to go with his Majestie, or his Lieutenant, in war against the said Rebels: And hereof they may not fail, under the penalties of the Law, and as they tender the Service of his Majestie, and the safety of the Kingdom.

Nevertheless, for such as do so hold of his Majestie, or of his said wards, who upon just occasions shall seek to be spared and dispensed with, for their attendance and service in this expedition, his Majestie is graciously pleased, and hath authorized the Lord Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of his Exchequer for the time being, or any two or more of them (whereof the Lord Treasurer, or Chancellor to be one) upon Fines to his Majesties use, to admit to Composition, and Compound with such of those Tenants, as they shall think fit to be spared and dispensed with for this present Service, whom his Majestie doth hereby declare shall be freed and exempted accordingly: So as they shall make their said Compositions before the said twentieth day of September next, whereby his Majestie may be provided of other meet persons in their turn to perform the said Services.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the twentieth day of August, in the sixteenth year of His Majesties Reign.

God save the King.

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